

MARY ELLEN WILSON.

FURTHER TESTIMONY IN THE CASE—TWO INDICTMENTS FOUND AGAINST MRS. CONNOLLY BY THE GRAND JURY.

The examination in the case of Mary Ellen Wilson, the child of eight years alleged to have been inhumanly treated by Francis and Mary Connolly, was continued yesterday, in Supreme Court, Chambers, before Judge Lawrence. As a practical result of the sympathy exhibited in her case by several humane ladies, the little innocent cause of all the excitement and litigation appeared clothed throughout in neat new garments, and looking several years younger. Almost the first step in the case after opening court was the granting of a warrant by Judge Brady, sitting in Oyer and Terminer, for the arrest of Mrs. Connolly, and under which she was very soon taken into custody to await the action of the Grand Jury. The next step was to have the witnesses who had previously testified in the case sign and swear to their depositions, all of whom, including the little girl, were at once sent before the Grand Jury. Mrs. Webb, Matron at Police Headquarters, testified that, when the child was brought in and consigned to her charge, she was in a filthy condition of person, her clothes scanty and worn, her hair uncombed, and containing vermin; that it took several washings to relieve her from the incrustated dirt; that she exhibited scratches and bruises on her face, elbow, and elsewhere on her person.

Mr. Geo. Kellock, Superintendent of Out-door Poor, testified that a child named Mary Ellen Wilson was indentured from the Department of Charities in 1866, being then eighteen months old; that the records show the same to have been left there on the 21st of May, 1864, by a woman named Mary Score, giving her address as No. 235 Mulherry street, and who swore that until within three weeks of that time she had received \$8 per month for the child's support; had no means of knowing who the child's parents were, and nothing was said by either Mr. McCormack or his wife, Mrs. Connolly, at the time, as to any relationship of either of them to the child; the \$8 per month had been paid to Mary Score by the parties leaving the child with her, and it was when that payment stopped that she brought the child to his office. Reference was demanded from Mr. and Mrs. McCormack when they took the child, and they gave their family physician, Dr. Laughlin or McLaughlin, whose statement in reference to them was deemed satisfactory, and an order for the delivery of the child was given accordingly; believes he can find Dr. Laughlin, who lived in the vicinity of Twenty-third street and Third avenue. During the past year about 500 children have passed through the department, and witness has no recollection of this one or of any other than the records of his office afford. At this point the further hearing was adjourned to Thursday morning next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

During the early part of the proceedings, Mrs. Connolly, after signing her deposition, and in passing out of court, approached a number of ladies, in the midst of whom was the little girl, and took her by the hand, the latter straightening herself up as if in defiance, and inviting her "mamma" to notice her new clothes. Again the little one became the subject of general attention while moving through the corridor of the court in charge of Officer Dusenbury, of Police Headquarters.

The Grand Jury of the Court of General Sessions came into court yesterday and presented a number of indictments for various offenses. Among them were five indictments for assault and battery, felonious assault, assault with intent to do bodily harm, assault with intent to kill, and assault with intent to maim, which had been found against Mary Connolly, of No. 315 West Forty-first street, the exposure of whose inhuman cruelty to the child Mary Ellen created so much excitement during the past week. Mrs. Connolly was arrested, and committed to the Tombs by Judge Brady.